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City of Santa Clara
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Minutes of the November 10, 2008 meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair R. Rushton Hurley, Maria Alice Jensen,
Yuki Ikezi, Peter Yoon

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Jim Mathre, Eugene Mirabella, Barbara Stahl*

CITY STAFF: Dan Beerman, Staff Liaison

VISITORS: Debi Davis, SCA President

Recommendations for Council Action:

That Council approve funding for and assign a City Delegation consisting of one or more Council Member(s) and one or more IEC Commissioner(s) to travel to Izumo Japan at a cost of approximately \$2200 each to attend the celebration of Mr. Kuwabara's 25th anniversary as President of the International Exchange Association of Izumo on May 16, 2009.

Chair Hurley called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M.

I. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Mathre and Mirabella were not present at this meeting with no prior notification of their absence. Commissioner Stahl was also absent and sent word through her son to Commissioner Ikezi that she would be absent due to illness in the family.

II. CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of October 7, 2008 were reviewed and accepted as presented. Motion: Yoon/Ikezi; passes unanimously

III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

- Public Service Ethics Education Proof of Participations Certificates were distributed to all Commissioners that attended the ethics training and were present at the meeting.

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

No public entities present

V. SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION

Key points from the Sister Cities Report by Debi Davis, President of SCA:

- The Anniversary Party for Mr. Kuwabara's 25th year with the Santa Clara exchange program is scheduled on May 16, 2009. The City should be well represented at the event.
- Exchange activities among Evian-Izumo-Santa Clara in dialogue
- NORCAL Conference was a success. Shahriyar Reza, Wilcox High student, was selected as Student Commission Director for Sister Cities International.
- The Japanese Consulate is having its annual party celebrating the Emperor's birthday on December 4, 2008. Santa Clara's Mayor Mahon, IEC

Commissioner Ikezi and SCA President Davis will represent our city at this royal event.

The full SCA report is attached to these minutes. (For more details about the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association and its programs, go to www.santaclarasistercities.org)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. IEC SC Program Review – Staff Report

- See Section VII, A. below

B. Limerick Status Report

- Commissioner Mathre contacted State Coordinator regarding the SCI process of adding a new sister city
- It was revealed that Spokane, which is already a sister city to Limerick, expressed strong opinions against Limerick establishing another relationship with a West Coast city in the USA

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. PowerPoint document to be presented to Council:

- Commissioners reviewed the slide presentation prepared for Council regarding the refresher of Sister Cities original conditions and criteria.
- Presentation to Council will take place on either November 25th or December 2nd - to be determined by Staff

B. Mr. Kuwabara's 25th Anniversary Celebration:

- Event is scheduled on May 16, 2009 in the city of Izumo, Japan
- Motion made by Jensen for recommendation for council action to assign a City Delegation going to Izumo for the celebration of Mr. Kuwabara's anniversary. Jensen/Yoon. Passes unanimously.
- Motion made by Yoon to provide support for one or more IEC representatives as a part of the Santa Clara City Delegation (if so designated by Council) going to Izumo for the May 16th celebration. Yoon/Ikezi. Passes unanimously.

A. Ireland's President Mary McAleese visit to the Bay Area:

Staff wrote a letter of request for Ireland's President to visit Santa Clara. It's highly probable that this request may be too late. Nevertheless, the letter will go out.

VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Yoon completed the Public Service Ethics Education
- Commissioner Yoon helped host a government delegation from various provinces of Korea. Visited places of interest in Santa Clara and the Bay Area, such as Intel and Yahoo
- Commissioner Ikezi translated and assisted with the visit of Gakugeikan High School from Okayama to Santa Clara
- Chair Hurley was a Host for the Group from Okayama both in the City and the classroom

IX. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner	Action	Due Date
Jensen	Contact Coimbra City Hall through Isabel Cruz regarding Mayor Encarnação's invitation to Mayor Mahan for an official visit to Coimbra – possible date of visit alongside the High School student exchange: April 10-20, 2009	12/2/08
Hurley	Contact Commissioner Mathre and request that he prepares a summary of his inquiries about SCI process to add a new sister city and the situation with Spokane	11/11/08
Staff	Prepare Council Agenda Report Cover letter and Submit to City Manager	11/29/08
Staff	Schedule Hurley's presentation to Council	Tentative 12/2/08
Hurley	Make Presentation to Council	Tentative 12/2/08

X. ADJOURNMENT

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the City Manager's Staff Conference Room. Motion: Ikezi/Jensen
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m. Motion: Yoon/Ikezi

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Jensen
Recording Secretary





Santa Clara Sister Cities Association Coimbra, Portugal Izumo, Japan

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Report to the International Exchange Commission November 10, 2008

Izumo Update - Sunday, March 29, 2009. SCA will host an Anniversary Party for Mr. Kuwabara's 23th year with the Santa Clara exchange program. A 25th Anniversary Party with the IEAI will be held in Izumo on May 16, 2009. At this time we are gathering photos and notifying past exchange students as well as all delegation members who have visited Izumo since 1986. Bill and Sharon Gissler have been assisting SCA with photos and contact information for the book, SCA will present as a gift honoring Mr. Kuwabara as a member of our family. Consulate General Nagamine is planning on attending this event.

Holiday Party- Sunday, December 7, 2008 at the Senior Center. SCA will host our yearly Holiday Party. This year "Recycled Brass" will entertain us with music and sing-a-longs. Our opportunity drawing has donated gifts from our local business' this year, a little something for everyone. Consul Okuda will be attending.

NorCal Conference Update- SCA Board members, Debi Davis, Debbie Pavao, Carmen Pascual, John Figueira, Lorraine Figueira, Linda Eserini, Jackie Moore and Shahriyar Reza attended the NorCal Conference in Sonoma, October 18th. Shahriyar spoke about his experience representing Santa Clara as part of the SCI Youth Conference. Jim Dounas, Sister Cities International Executive Vice President, also attended the conference and was very impressed with Shahriyar and his presentation. As a result, Jim asked Shahriyar to become a Youth Commissioner Director for SCI. In his new role Shahriyar will help to encourage young people from around the world to participate in Sister Cities Clubs and to become more involved in developing cultural events in local communities.

Evian France- In July, SCA President Debi Davis sent a letter to Mayor Nishio asking if they would be interested in a Tri-Sister City relationship with their sister city, Evian and Santa Clara. Mayor Nishio sent a letter to Mayor Francina, August 8, 2008. Two weeks ago, Mayor Nishio visited Evian and spoke to the Mayor about the Tri-Sister City relationship. SCA received an email from their Liaison, Mr. Francis Jungo to continue dialogue and to meet together somewhere next year.

Respectfully submitted by:
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